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News you can use

Macon Trax Military Appreciation Night today

The Macon Trax Hockey Team will host Military Appreciation Night today at 7:05 p.m. against the Asheville Aces in the Macon Centreplex. Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will participate in the opening ceremonies along with the Robins Honor Guard. An Air Force Reserve Command vocalist will perform the national anthem, and a humvee will drive Colonel Patterson out on the ice. Base attendees will be asked to participate in special intermission games like sumo wrestling and being a human bowling ball. The Trax will allow free admission for military with a valid military ID. Dependents and DoD civilians will get \$1 off general admission seats and \$2 off reserved seat admission with a valid ID. No federal endorsement by the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force of this business, their products or services advertised is implied.

Gates 1, 5 hours change Monday, close at 6 p.m.

Beginning Monday, the Green Street and 5th Street gates will close 30 minutes earlier. Presently the gates close at 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

EN, technical awards ceremony set for Feb. 23

The Engineering and Technical Management awards are presented annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of scientists, engineers and technical teams to the mission of the Center and to aerospace power. This year's awards will be presented at a luncheon Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club Grand Ballroom. Dr. Mark Lewis, Chief Scientist of the Air Force, will present the awards and speak on the theme of "Connecting at the Wing".

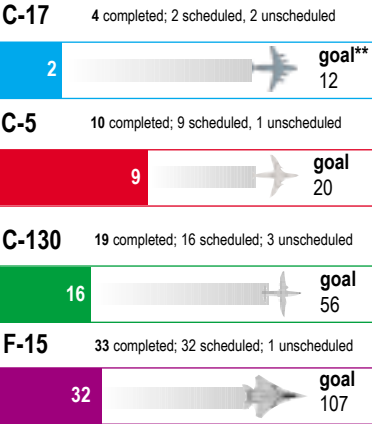
The Center has nominated 57 of its best technical people for the awards in 16 categories. Local winners will be submitted to Air Force Materiel Command for competition across the command and the Air Force. AFMC winners will be announced and recognized by senior leadership during a banquet in mid-April.

To purchase tickets for the luncheon, contact Lucille Grube at 926-2669 or Tech. Sgt. William Power at 926-4489 by Wednesday. Tickets cost \$11.

— All from staff reports

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of Jan. 31.



**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALC/MAWWB

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

Good to be home



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ten vehicle operators from the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron returned from a 215-day deployment Tuesday. Staff Sgt. Ronald Megginson gets a hug from his son, Ryan, 3. The Rev-up will have more coverage of the group's experiences in Iraq in a future issue.

BRAC list not due until May

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The Base Realignment and Closure process will decide this year on the future of military installations nationwide.

Although the process has begun, base officials stress there isn't an official list of bases that will close or realign. Realignment means a base stays open but gains or loses certain missions.

"The first official list won't come out until May, when the Secretary of Defense sends his recommendations to the BRAC commission," said Lt. Col. Cal Butts, deputy director of plans and programs here.

People who work at Robins and who live in Middle Georgia are concerned for the future of the base; however, the BRAC commission hasn't

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AEF rotation helps meet mission needs

By Holly L. Birchfield
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The Aerospace Expeditionary Forces cycle rotation is an administrative tool that helps ensure all Airmen get to help shoulder the responsibility of deployment.

The rotation consists of five cycles, and Airmen are assigned to one of two groups (buckets) in each cycle. The full rotation is 20 months.

Staff Sgt. Clifford Anthony, noncommissioned officer in charge with the Personnel Readiness unit within the 78th Mission Support Squadron, said the rotation keeps a steady flow of Airmen ready to deploy.

"Once we receive taskings from the AEF center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., saying that they need a certain



Staff Sgt. Vernae Ellis is the NCO in charge in the 78th MSS Passports/Air Combat Command (5) Deployments section.

amount of people to deploy, we send those taskings to the units and they notify their people that are (in that time period's AEF bucket) that they're going to deploy."

According to Staff Sgt. Vernae Ellis, noncommissioned officer in charge in the 78th MSS Passports/Air Combat Command (5) Deployments section, Airmen, who have medical and security

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Base Tax Center ready to help with free tax filing services

Thomas Loftin, a senior volunteer for the tax center, helps an Airman with her tax return Jan. 26. The center, in Building 905, will continue to accept clients Mondays - Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until April 15.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

By Lanorris Askew
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If you want to get ahead of the curve this tax season, the Base Tax Center is the place to go. And, it's free.

The center opened its doors for the 2004 tax filing season Jan. 24, and will help thousands of military personnel, retirees and their immediate families with free filing services.

Staff Sgt. Da-Vonna Cromwell, noncommissioned officer in charge of the center, said 34 volunteers will man the center this year.

"The volunteers include active duty

military personnel, military retirees and civilians - two of whom have nearly 20 years of previous experience in tax filing," she said. "They have been doing a great job so far."

The center, located in Building 905, will accept clients Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. until April 15. After April 15, extensions will be handled by appointment only.

Prior to the cutoff date, clients can walk in beginning at 11 a.m. and sign up for same day service on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Diffusing the situation 116th EOD finds explosive device in Byron barn

By Tech. Sgt. Beverly Isik

116th ACW Public Affairs

A dusty old storage building tucked away behind an old farm house in the sleepy southern town of Byron, Ga., isn't exactly the kind of place you'd expect to find explosives.

But, in the explosive ordnance business, technicians say they never assume, unless they are assuming "worst case scenario". They never leave anything to chance. They respond to every call

armed with state-of-the-art tools of the trade and countless hours of training under their belts - ready to eliminate the hazard.

The team responded to a call from the Peach County Sheriff's Department, Jan. 12. Before they entered the old shop in Byron, Master Sgt. John Bell and Staff Sgt. Joseph Fletcher climbed into their 75-pound explosion protection suits and forced on the helmets.

As they inched their way into the shop, the air was thick with fumes from

degreasers, lubricants and old weathered wood. By the fading light of late afternoon, amongst the forgotten engine parts, rusty tools and oil stained floors, they found two high-explosive anti-tank projectiles just inside the door. One was propped against the wall on the right. The other lay on the ground beneath it. Both were covered with a thick layer of dust and cobwebs.

The EOD team's mission: maneuver the remote X-ray machine to take real-time pictures and check the ordnance

for live components.

This time, they were fortunate. The 106 millimeter projectiles which were remnants of the 1970s contained no live components. They were placed in the building by a now deceased, former employee of the San Diego Munitions Depot.

"The man used to work in the depot and somehow he managed to get a hold of the HEAT (high explosive anti-tank) rounds and kept them as souvenirs," Sergeant Bell

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham

Staff Sgt. Joseph Fletcher holds the explosive device found Jan. 12 in a barn in Byron, Ga.

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly to partly cloudy



56/35

Saturday
Partly cloudy



62/38

Sunday
Partly cloudy



65/44

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Joint STARS duo reaches troops on the ground

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Dorsey
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SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – One is active duty straight out of technical training; the other served on active duty and is now in the Air National Guard. One is male, the other is female.

Yet despite their differences on the surface, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Bloomberg and Airman 1st Class Emily Leece, could not be any closer.

“We definitely watch each other’s back,” Airman Leece said.

As airborne operations technicians aboard the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft, Sergeant Bloomberg and Airman Leece play a large role on the aircraft’s long-range, air-to-ground mission.

A customized jet liner with modified electronics systems, the E-8C is a battle management platform with a primary mission of providing theater ground and air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Dorsey

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Tech. Sgt. Thomas Bloomberg and Airman 1st Class Emily Leece communicate with ground forces more than five miles below them. They are E-8C Joint STARS air operations technicians with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location here from Robins.

operations and targeting of enemy forces, officials said. The aircraft's 24-foot antenna has

a field view of more than 19,000 square miles and can detect targets as far out as 820,000 feet. With its radar

and computer technology, Sergeant Bloomberg and Airman Leece help provide theater commanders with data from more than five miles above ground.

“Surveillance is a major part of our mission, and it begins with the air operations technicians,” said Sergeant Bloomberg, who is part of a team that locates troop and vehicle movements on the ground during convoy missions in Iraq. “During our mission, we directly support ground forces through communications.”

To become airborne operations technicians, Sergeant Bloomberg and Airman Leece each went through a year of technical and survival training. Both have flown numerous missions that require mental and physical stamina needed to endure the long hours in each sortie. They even sit next to each other on the aircraft, each sharing reasons why they chose such a demanding job.

“When the Air National Guard came on board with the (Joint STARS) program, I had an opportu-

nity to retrain,” said Sergeant Bloomberg, who spent eight years on active duty as a weapons loader for F-15 Eagles and B-1B Lancers. “I liked the idea of being directly involved with the fight on the ground.”

Airman Leece’s reasons for joining the Joint STARS team were just as personal.

“Since I can’t be involved with ground combat directly, I thought being airborne would be interesting mentally. (It would be) challenging and directly assist the guys on the ground who risk their lives daily,” she said.

The two are a fraction of the 22 people needed on each mission. The crew includes not only active-duty and Guard Airmen, but also Soldiers.

“We’re somewhat of a support system to each other by backing up one another ...helping to pick out targets in each other’s area when the other one is busy performing another task,” Sergeant Bloomberg said. “It’s definitely a team effort up here. We all work together.”

BRAC

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started to evaluate and decide what bases will be closed. That’s because the commission hasn’t been appointed yet, and won’t be until mid-March.

“People should be suspicious about any attempt to guess at the results of the

BRAC process,” Colonel Butts said.

In the meantime, the DoD is conducting research to put together its recommendations.

The commission will receive the recommendations from the secretary of defense by May 16, according to the Defense Department’s official BRAC Web page.

The commission has until

Sept. 8 to report its recommendations to the president. By Sept. 23, the president will accept or reject those recommendations in their entirety. If rejected, the commission has about one month to revise the list. The president then has until Nov. 7 to approve the list or the whole BRAC process for 2005 is terminated. Another round of closures would have

to await a new law.

If the president accepts the commission’s recommendations, Congress has 45 days to act on them. Unless the recommendations are overturned, they automatically become law.

“The BRAC 2005 process is critical to the Air Force’s ability to successfully meet our future mission needs,” wrote

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche in November 2002.

“We must not only reduce the budgetary demands from excess infrastructure, but also ensure that the resulting infrastructure can effectively support our projected mission as well as provide maximum flexibility and efficiency for the future,” Dr. Roche wrote.

There have been four previous BRAC rounds. Two Air Force air logistics centers at Sacramento, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas, were closed in the 1995 round.

Editor’s note: Information on the BRAC process can be found on Defense Link at www.defenselink.mil/brac/01new.htm

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clearances deploy for 120 days in the rotation. Airmen in each bucket are eligible for deployment every 20 months.

The sergeant said due to a high deployment rate in support of on-going operations, pilots assigned to AEF cycles are called up for deployment in the rotation on an “as needed or as

available” basis.

Although the AEF cycle rotation is a source for mission support in the field - it’s also a resource when hands are needed for relief efforts in disastrous situations, like the recent tsunami that struck the coast of Asia Dec. 26.

“Basically, people are pulled (from) their normal bucket to support in those incidents,” she said. “When the recent tsunami hit, people were pulled from AEF cycle three and four, just like they

What to know

For more information on the AEF cycle rotation, contact the Military Personnel Flight's personnel readiness unit at 327-7369 or visit the MPF office on the second floor of Building 905.

would for any regular tasking.” Master Sgt. Gerald Bynum, super-

intendent of the Personnel Readiness Unit with the 78th MSS, said the structure of the cyclical rotation ensures deployment taskings are equally distributed throughout the force, giving Airmen ample time to prepare for the mission.

“The current AEF cycle (rotation) splits up the responsibility of deployments and makes sure everyone shares the wealth of deployments throughout the commands in the Air Force,” he

said. “It helps people plan steady state operations and training, where you have enough time set up during the times you’re at the bases to train and make sure everybody’s prepared for deployment. It also allows time for everyone to take leave (for) vacation as well.”

The sergeant said while not everyone assigned to a particular AEF cycle will be deployed, everyone should be ready to go.

EOD

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explained. “He moved a few times and then stuck them in the building. His wife was out going through the old stuff and found them.”

This type of call isn’t unusual for EOD technicians from the 116th Civil Engineer Squadron who responded to about 26 calls last year – some of which were from civil authorities concerning citizens who just happened upon some vintage munitions lying around their property. This is not a job for everyone. The extra \$150 each month would be of little consolation to the majority of Airmen.

However, contrary to what some people might believe, the Air Force’s nearly 1,000 EOD troops are more than just thrill-seekers who like blowing up stuff.

The Air Force only accepts volunteers and conducts extensive background checks, as well as physical and psychological exams on everyone who applies. Many applicants are rejected because they’re not suited for the job.

Sometimes, suspicious packages and munitions like the one found in Byron turn out to be false alarms. Other times, things are more volatile.

For example, last year, as they were wrapping up a response to a suspicious pack-

age on base, the EOD team got a call to support local authorities with a suspect package at a video rental store on Russell Parkway.

“It turned out to be an actual improvised incendiary device that was designed to burn down the building,” Fletcher explained.

They remotely rendered it safe with a percussion actuated neutralizer, or water cannon.

“We try not to go hands on,” Sergeant Fletcher said. “We only do that as a last resort. We have certain tools we use and procedures we follow to do everything as remotely as possible.”

The EOD team responds with about \$500,000 in equip-

ment designed to make their job as safe as possible, Sergeant Bell said.

The inventory ranges from robots that poke around packages to metal cannons that shoot steel slugs or bursts of water that shred through devices. There’s even a remote x-ray system used for evaluating internal components.

“We still have to go down range sometimes to set up equipment depending on what we’re trying to x-ray,” he said. “If it’s something we can’t move with the robot or if it’s going to be a tight fit to get the x-ray equipment behind it and get an image on film, then we have to go down range.”

That’s why he said they

have the bomb suits, flack vests and helmets.

“The bomb suit provides minimal protection from explosives point blank,” Fletcher explained. “It’s actually designed for protection on the way in and on the way out.”

Dressed in the Kevlar-like bomb suits that resemble something from a science fiction movie, and armed with state-of-the-art technology and nearly 4,000 technical orders that describe every conceivable manufactured explosive device and defusing instructions, this group of professional destroyers are trained to handle everything from match heads to atomic bombs.

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“Clients can come in beginning at 11 a.m. and get numbered tickets,” said Sergeant Cromwell. “Those numbered tickets will begin being called at 11:30.”

At that time the client will tell the front desk worker how they plan to file and receive an approximate appointment time for that day. Tax preparers will begin seeing filers at 1 p.m.

According to Sergeant Cromwell, the center tries to serve 60 to 70 clients each day, but that number depends of

the number of volunteers working each day.

She asks that clients bring in all necessary paperwork and documentation at the time of their visit to avoid multiple trips or amendments.

“Although all documents may not apply to every filer, it’s best to wait until

all of their documentation is in hand so they can make just one trip,” she said.

Sergeant Cromwell said last year, the tax center processed 2,924 federal returns and 2,226 state returns consisting of different filing status categories and since the service is free, the center saved clients more than \$350,000.

CORRECTION

Due to a production glitch, the wrong photo ran in the Jan. 28 Rev-Up on the “Put Your Hands Together For” page. The correct photo is below. The Rev-Up regrets the error.



Submitted photo

Ms. Morley presents **Senior Master Sgt. David Patterson** with the Robins Air Force Base AFA Quarterly Achievement Award for April-June 2004. He has recently returned to the Robins area. Sergeant Patterson was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the base, his wing and community.

Portable tool improves C-17 flexibility

By Holly L. Birchfield
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A portable tool is helping sheet metal mechanics in the Maintenance Directorate’s C-17 maintenance branch keep the aircraft flexible.

A two-part portable milling machine provides aircraft mechanics with an easy way to trim the area between the aircraft’s wing and fuselage, allowing the area to move more smoothly while carrying cargo.

The \$150,000 tool was developed and funded through a partnership between the government and the Boeing Company in Long Beach, Calif. It has pre-set angles and depths, and is clamped to the aircraft to trim away excess materials, giving the area a

greater range of motion

Ken Pollock, Boeing maintenance and modifications engineer, said the portable milling machine brings the skills of a conventional machine shop to the aircraft.

“The purpose of the modification on the frame of the aircraft is to enhance the durability and function of the structure in the immediate area in order to lengthen the lifecycle of the aircraft,” he said.

Denise Bryant, C-17 Production Branch chief, said the tool simplifies a tedious task.

“It makes it easier by having the tool attached to the aircraft, rather than having to take the part off and taking it somewhere to work on it,” she said.

“Now, we’re able to do the work right there.”



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, a portable milling machine gives C-17 mechanics an easy way to modify the frame of the aircraft to enhance the durability, function and lifecycle of the aircraft. Right, John Reynolds, sheet metal mechanic, attaches a router motor to the machine before it is placed in the aircraft.

According to Ms. Bryant, two aircraft to date, with five more expected in the near future.



Local events aim to take steps to a healthy heart

February is American Heart Month and the No. 1 killer in Georgia is cardiovascular disease, including heart attacks, congestive heart failure and stroke.

Prevention remains key to reducing the risk of heart disease. You can work to prevent heart disease by lowering your blood pressure and cholesterol levels; quitting tobacco use (smoking, chewing and dipping); starting or continuing exercising most days of the week; eating healthy; losing weight; and controlling diabetes.

At the local community level, the following events are scheduled to help identify risk factors, provide prevention education and promote a healthy lifestyle:

Today, Wear Red Day to show your support in the fight against heart disease in women.

Feb. 16, Blood pressure screenings at the Commissary, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Feb. 25, Blood pressure screenings at the Base Restaurant, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 26, American Heart Association Heart Walk, Perry Ag Center, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information on the Heart Walk, contact Brenda Herring at 405-3207.

For more information about taking steps to a healthy heart or to sign up for classes at the Health and Wellness Center, call 327-8480.

— From staff reports

Program offers Airmen discounts



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The 78th Services Division is reaching out to the junior enlisted force by giving them a chance to save some money while having some fun.

The Go Card program is an Air Force Materiel Command initiative which began here in December and offers a variety of activities, events and discounts specifically for Airmen ranked E-1 to E-4.

According to Linda Hinkle, Services marketing director, the Airmen’s immediate families can also take part in this program.

“We are working to design more programs and activities for this age group to enjoy at a reduced cost,” she said.

“Historically it’s been found that the time period from Dec. to Feb. is when these Airmen tend to feel boredom, stress and sometimes isolation so the program is a way to get them introduced to all of the programs that we have to offer.”



How the card works

All E1-E4’s and their immediate family members may take advantage of the Go Card program. The Go card serves as entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Look for Go offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities until the end of March. Make sure you carry your card. The Go patrol will be doing random spot checks and awarding prizes.

Mrs. Hinkle said although the program had a slow start, the original end date of Feb. 28 has been extended to ensure that it’s utilized to the fullest.

“The program will now run through the end of March,” she said. “Although the program has picked up momentum at the first shirt level, the word is still not out as much as we’d like. So, we hope this will help with that.”

Go Card specials are available at vari-

ous places on base including the Robins bowling center, the enlisted club, Pine Oaks Golf Course, Information, Tickets & Travel and the Skills Development Center.

“That’s why it’s called the Go Card,” said Mrs. Hinkle, “so they can go out and enjoy.”

“It’s all about getting involved in the community and knowing what’s out there.”

The Go card is available through all unit first sergeants, and they are available at the bowling center. No fee is required and the short entry form makes people eligible for prize drawings.

An online comment form is available through the Services website (<http://www.robins.af.mil/services/>) as well as a listing of the month’s activities.

February Go card specials include half price admission to Base Theater, free shoe rental and fountain drink with a \$3 purchase at the Bowling Center; and a 10 percent savings on lessons with golf pro John Anderson at the golf course.

Chamber of commerce honors former base commander

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Billy G. Edenfield, a former base commander from 1986 - 1989 at Robins and the current president of Middle Georgia Technical College, was recently recognized by the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce for service to the community.

The chamber recently presented the retired Air Force colonel, who served three tours at Robins during his 30-year military career, with the 2004

Sherrill Stafford Good Government Award. The award is named in honor of the former chairman of the Houston County Board of Commissioners, who served in that role from 1991-2000.

Paul E. Hibbitts, board chairman for the chamber, said his long-time friend Mr. Edenfield is truly deserving of the award.

“It’s a good government service award, and his commitment to the city and county in all capacities has been outstanding,” Mr. Hibbitts said. “He’s just an all-around good citizen who

actively gets involved in the community. The work he has done and the programs he has instituted are things we’ll benefit from for many years to come.”

Mr. Edenfield, who previously worked with the man for whom the award was named, has served in many Middle Georgia community clubs and organizations. He said he is honored to receive an award named after a man he holds in high esteem.

“I’m quite proud of (the award),” he said. “Sherrill Stafford was a fine man. It was a sad day when he passed away.”



Billy G. Edenfield, a former base commander, was recently awarded the 2004 Sherrill Stafford Good Government Award.

Mr. Edenfield, who has served as president of the technical college since December 1989, will retire from the position March 1.

**THIS WEEK
IN AIR FORCE
HISTORY**

Feb. 8, 1953 - The American Medical Association recognized aviation medicine as a medical specialty, the first one to evolve from military practice and research.

Feb. 10, 1908 - The Wright Brothers signed the first Army airplane contract.

Local women’s club recognizes branch chief

78th Air Base Wing Office
of Public Affairs

The Warner Robins Business and Professional Women’s Club recently recognized Kim McDonald, branch chief of the Automatic Test Equipment Repairs and Engineering Services Contracting office, with the 2004 Woman of Achievement Award.

The award recognizes outstanding career contributions and support of other women in the work force.

Patsy Reeves, Contracting director here, nominated Ms. McDonald for the award.

“Throughout her career, Kim has consistently demon-

strated superior leadership skills, sound acquisition logistics knowledge, excellent communication skills and a strong commitment to customer support,” she said.

Ms. McDonald said she believes women have an important role in the business world.

“There’s no reason why a woman’s place cannot be at the top,” she said. “Women, with their unique perspectives are vital to the business and professional world. I am pleased that they are receiving more recognition in today’s work environment. It’s definitely not a man’s world anymore.”

In the coming months, Ms. McDonald will compete for the State Woman of Achievement Award.



Kim McDonald, branch chief of the Automatic Test Equipment Repairs and Engineering Services Contracting office, was honored recently with the 2004 Woman of Achievement Award.

DoD sets CFC pledge record

WASHINGTON – Cigars and roses were just part of the thanks handed out Tuesday by Combined Federal Campaign National Capital Area officials after Defense Department employees raised a record-setting \$14.9 million in pledges in the 2004 campaign.

The \$14.9 million figure far surpassed the campaign's goal of \$12.1 million, and is \$1.8 million over the \$13.1 million collected a year ago, DoD campaign officials said.

A breakdown of the donations shows all 23 components of the DoD effort exceeded their goals, and, for the first time, each military service raised more than \$2 million.

The Department of the Navy and U.S. Marine Corps raised \$3.7 million; the Army \$3.3 million and the Air Force \$2.1 million.

The shortage of good leaders mystery solved

By Chief Master Sgt.
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command chief

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – I was out the other day with some of the fine Airmen we have here in the wing and one of them made the comment, “I can’t wait until I get the opportunity to lead.”

There are many things about leadership that I don’t understand, but I do know you don’t wait on it to come, you make it happen. In every forum in the last 10 years, I have heard the statement made that we have a shortage of good leadership at all levels. What makes a good leader and why is there a shortage?

Leadership involves constant preparation. Vince Lombardi, one of the greatest football coaches of all time, once said, “It is not the desire to win that is so important but rather the willingness to prepare.”

So how do we prepare then, since we are all expected to lead in this deployed combat environment?

Retired Army Gen. Montgomery Meigs identified four characteristics that we might recognize as common in what we view as good leaders.

Intellect

The first characteristic is intellect, from which we derive the elements of decision and execution – competence, intuition, and will. Good leaders read about good leaders. They are constantly searching and studying leaders

and leadership styles from all walks of life. First they make sure they understand the goals of the mission. Then they search out proven and often innovative ways to get the job done.

We always talk about the mission but it is understood our people are important. We make sure we and our people receive the best education and follow on training available, even in the deployed environment.

Take the maintenance group, for example. Do you think they can provide 40 percent of the airpower for this AOR with the oldest fleet ever in the history of the Air Force by luck or chance? No way, it takes dedicated leaders who ensure the combat maintainers have the best tools and training available. They ensure the troops are intellectually prepared to face the challenges of the daily maintenance mission.

Energy

The next characteristic is energy. Good leaders get around; they influence the daily “battles” with presence. They follow their e-mail with their feet! The very best of them have the uncanny ability to be at critical places at critical times. They get out from under the pressure of the calendar and focus on the human element of the organization.

I think the greatest similarity between motivational energy and depression is that they are both contagious. Good leaders get up and get ready. When they are with the troops they are motivated.

As a leader, the organization

feeds off you. It takes a lot of energy to keep this up which is why the Air Force places so much value on the new physical fitness program.

Let’s look at the troops in the operations group for a minute. This dedicated group of men and women are constantly flying. It may be a combat, refueling or humanitarian mission, or it may be carrying troops, but the mission is constant. The Airmen in the operations group give us a tangible demonstration of the kind of energy it takes to be a good leader. It is constant, focused and always available.

Selflessness

The third characteristic is selflessness. It is truly motivating to know that your leader is thinking about you first, isn’t it? We have all seen this characteristic demonstrated time and time again. This allows good leaders to accept the best decision and not just their decision. This characteristic causes us to look “out” and not “in” to our own benefits.

Ranger school drove this point home early to me when it taught me that it is always about the soldiers; if you take care of them, they will take care of you. In Ranger school, you learn quickly that leaders eat last and sleep last (and a lot less). Anything to do with comfort, you as the leader are last in line. To define this characteristic in the wing look no farther than the support group. They demonstrate this on a daily basis.

How about the civil engineer members who are out in the cold

wind on the roofs fixing leaks? If the last fire alarm that went off in the dorms made you mad, think about how the fire department sends responders to every single one, ready to save lives. We don’t fear attacks because of the selfless security forces who maintain a constant shield of protection. There are many more squadrons in the support group that do often-forgotten jobs daily. Their selflessness allows us to eat, sleep, and enjoy these creature comforts that we quickly recognize whenever they are absent.

Humanity

The final characteristic is humanity. While humanity is essential to success for all of us, we most often think of the medical folks when speaking of humanity. Every customer they get never stops by unless he or she is not feeling well; yet, they always take care of us.

Even so, it is a demanding environment for all of us and mission accomplishment is critical to the AOR. Every day there is a risk of failure, and while we have the best of plans and training, the outcome is still in doubt until we actually execute the mission.

The difference in victory and defeat often lies in the faith the troops have in the leadership and the combined perseverance to “hold the line.”

To engender that faith, leaders must have a human touch and a feel for the troops. Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, says he would

“rather talk than type.” It is hard to relay humanity through e-mail. It is hard to feel the temperature of the workplace or the distance to the bathroom from a Power Point presentation.

I have had several great lieutenant supervisors in my life that have really taught me some good lessons. Lieutenant Derry, my best lieutenant supervisor ever, was the kind of leader you would die for. He led us by example but he never put himself above any task. If we were wet, he was wet; if we were hot, he was hot. You get the picture. He was out there. He cared for us and it showed daily. “To lead you must know, and to know you must go,” is a motto that the lieutenant exemplified.

Another time, at a change of command, a general also taught me humanity. The weather was threatening and we were all outside while the official party was on the stage and under a cover. As the ceremony began, it started raining. The general got off the stage and out from under the cover. He remained there and gave his entire speech while getting rained on like the rest of us. Now, if you think he was just too dumb to get out of the rain, you are sadly missing the point of humanity in leadership. He set an example I will never forget.

Understanding the mission, maintaining the energy to see it through and caring about your troops are leadership qualities that each of us, regardless of our jobs, can do every day. So don’t wait for the opportunity to lead, take it!

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg
Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Problems receiving supply items

I work in the MSS MIC and we are constantly having a problem getting items from the new base supply contractor.

When we order parts A2 Priority 2, they are taking days to hours to get the items to us. If we can not receive parts from them in a timely manner, we can not get them to the workers in a timely manner.

Commander’s reply: We appreciate your input. Effective Dec. 1, Defense Distribution Center Warner Robins GA (DDWG) support transitioned from the initial distribution contractor EG&G to a new contractor, LESCO. Overall, the transition went smoothly, and the new contractor is working to

improve delivery timeliness.

The new contract requires local delivery standards which comprise the averages of delivery priorities for each month.

Delivery priorities 1 and 2 = 1 hour average
Delivery priorities 3 and 4 = 4 hour average
Delivery priorities 5 and above = 24 hour average

As of Jan. 10, the Center is receiving parts faster than any time previously monitored and we expect these times to continue to improve. The Maintenance Directorate maintenance material support division has established a customer complaint Web site at <https://ptapp2.robins.af.mil/DDWG/index.asp> to ease in the submission and tracking of complaints to the contractor. The contractor also has a standard to maintain service and minimize com-

plaints. We are working with DDWG/LESCO daily to inform them of concerns and problem areas but need our customers to document any cases of support they feel is substandard through the Web site. If the customer believes that the support is too urgent to use the site, concerns can be called into customer service at 926-1909.

Additionally, the division has a liaison, Lynn Morley who can be contacted at 926-6295, to work issues with DDWG. She monitors complaints and works follow-on actions submitted via the Web site. Additionally, if customers believe that the answer received concerning a complaint is unsatisfactory, she will intervene and research.

We anticipate improvement in contract support and welcome your comments and concerns regarding support expectations.

Remember to slow down

There have been

16

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

Source: AFI 31-204

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.
To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

Fiscal 2003: 55 Fiscal 2004: 79 Fiscal 2005 to date: 18

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Freedom of Information, Privacy acts protect information, inform public

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The Freedom of Information and Privacy acts take some of the mystery out of the way government does business, while keeping the nation’s security and individuals’ privacy under wraps.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), enacted by Congress in 1966, and the Privacy Act, enacted in 1974, are legislative tools that allow the government to strike the balance between the public’s right to know and the government’s duty to protect certain information that is vital to the nation’s security and individuals’ privacy.

And while the two work hand-in-hand in making information the government has available – the Privacy Act shields personal information, such as one’s age, marital status and academic background, from public release without consent, while giving those the information pertains to the ability to access it.

Diann Carmichael, who previously processed FOIA requests from the public for 18 years through the Records Management Office at Robins, said while FOIA gives the public the right to ask anything, it doesn’t give them the right to know everything.

“The Freedom of Information Act was enacted so that members of the public (U.S. citizens) could have access to information the government has on them or any information on the government and how it operates,” she said. “They’re not guaranteed to find out what they’re asking in all cases though, because there are exemptions that apply to certain information.”

Ms. Carmichael said the nine exemptions that prohibit access to government information usually relate to classified and sensitive information – both of which could jeopardize national security if released.

Requesters of information through FOIA fall into four categories: commercial, news media, scientific organizations, and other, which determine the price requesters pay for obtaining releasable information.

According to members with the FOIA Records Management office, FOIA requests are usually processed within 20



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The Freedom of Information Act strikes a balance between the public's right to know and the government's duty to protect information that is vital to the nation's security.

business days of the receipt of the request.

Gene Rector, military writer for the Macon Telegraph for more than five years, said while he has used FOIA only a few times in his career, it’s a useful resource in the business of informing the public.

“Most of the time, we get what we need either through direct interviews with people in positions of authority or leadership,” he said. “The Freedom of Information Act is sort of a last resort for us. Although most bureaucracies, including Robins, are generally, fairly responsive in answering questions and trying to keep people informed, (FOIA) is a powerful tool for the public to get information.”

The act also helps people like Tim Kurtz, chief of media relations with the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office, protect information as well.

“In answering questions of the media, oftentimes, the questions will involve either matters of personnel and sometimes, questions will involve the mission of Robins Air Force Base,” he said. “In both cases, having a rudimentary knowledge of it is a must because we wouldn’t want to release sensitive information about people or the mission.”

Bryant Durham, legal attorney with the Center’s Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and who has performed legal review of FOIA requests with the base for 13 years, said by Air Force regulation, records may be withheld from public release only with direction from the base denial authority.

Mr. Durham said it’s important that requesters specify what documents they need, in as much detail as possible, in order

FOIA policies

Resons for not granting FOIA requests include:

- Request denied under agency regulations
- Request withdrawn
- Noncompliance with procedural requirements
- Record inadequately described
- Requested information not a record
- No control or possession of record
- Request transferred to another agency

Exempted information includes:

- Classified
- Internal admistrative matters
- Statutory exemptions
- Trade secrets and commercial information
- Normally privileged documents
- Personal information
- Law enforcement information

Requests for information through FOIA or the Privacy Act should be sent to: 78th CS/SCSRF, 256 Milledgeville St., Robins Air Force Base, Ga., 31098-1616. For more information, contact the FOIA office at 926-2875 or visit www.robins.af.mil/cs/foia/.

for the request to be processed in a timely manner.

“A request for ‘all records relating to or pertaining to’ a particular subject is far too broad,” he said. “A proper request would describe the record by type or event.”

Formulating a proper request helps those working FOIA requests better serve its purpose,” Mr. Durham said.

Officials launch ‘Healthy Choices for Life’ program

Defense Department officials have launched a new preventive health-care program called “Healthy Choices for Life”.

The program’s Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil/healthychoices/, includes information about health, wellness, fitness, and disease prevention – particularly these three healthy behavior choices: lose weight, quit smoking and stop binge drinking.

The program focuses on persuading people to quit smoking, moderate drinking habits, exercise and lose weight. The program offers concrete ways to make positive changes, encouragement, motivation, self-assessment tools, examples of success, tips to avoid failure, and guides for further research.

– From staff reports

Policy outlines how to wear PT uniform

78th Mission Support Squadron

The United States Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has approved policy for wear of the official Physical Training uniform.

The intent of the policy is for wear of the uniform at all organized PT functions. Mandatory wear date will be established at a later date.

■ Any combination of PT uniform items may be worn together (jacket with T-shirt and shorts, T-shirt with shorts and or pants); PT uniform items will not be worn with any civilian clothing.

■ T-shirt must be worn tucked into shorts, and may be worn short or long sleeve style AF shirt (once available).

■ Warm-up suit jacket, when worn, will be at least half zipped. Hood will be stored and zipped when not worn. Pants when worn will be zipped at legs.

■ PT spandex shorts and leggings (navy blue or black) may be worn under PT shorts (full length leggings may be worn during cold weather periods).

■ Ankle or calf length white socks will be worn. Small, conservative trade-mark logos may be worn on socks.

■ Shoes must be a conservative color.

■ Hats are not required when performing PT activities; however, if worn, MAJ-COM commanders or AF component commanders will standardize style and wear policy.

■ Saluting is not required when performing PT activities, but is required when meeting individuals displaying appropriate rank and not performing PT activities, regardless of uniform type.

■ Hair must be neat and not allowed to hang loose below the collar; it will be tied back.

■ Wear of reflective belts will be at the discretion of the

installation commander.

■ Jewelry wear will follow normal uniform wear rules; keep safety in mind.

■ Body art (tattoos) standards apply (refer to 36-2903).

Within the AOR, the Air Force component commander will coordinate the wear policy with the COCOM to ensure uniformity of wear in a joint environment with the other services. Any adjustments impacting the standard wear of the Air Force PT uniform must be coordinated with AF/DP.

Beginning Oct. 1, Enlisted personnel started receiving an initial increase in their annual clothing replacement allowance to cover the cost of one running suit and two sets of shirt and shorts. Starting Oct. 1, the replacement allowance will be based on the established wear life of the uniform, yet to be determined. Officers will be required to purchase uniform at their own expense.

Mandatory wear date will be determined once sufficient supplies are available.

Uniforms will be available for purchase in military clothing sales store; the first shipments have been directed and shipped to the AOR to support AEF1/2 and AEF3/4.

Once the AOR locations are stocked, future shipments will be directed to home station stores synchronized with the AEF rotation schedule. For example, those bases supporting AEF5/6 should expect to see uniforms in their respective clothing sales stores around February and March.

For more information, contact the MPF customer service section at 327-7361.

strong finish

Electroplating shop makes parts like new

By Lanorris Askew

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Whether it's an F-15 canopy weathered and worn from the fray or a piece of refurbished metal from the sheet metal shop, the employees in the Maintenance Directorate's electroplating shop work tirelessly to make them new again.

Located in Building 142, the 26-person team serves as the support agency for various organizations on base using the electro-chemical process of electroplating to put a new finish on aircraft components.

According to Murry Jackson, electroplating shop supervisor, there are a total of 30 different processes carried out in the shop, but every part is different and may call for a different procedure.

"When newly manufactured aircraft parts or components are taken off of an aircraft and sent to us, we use six different blasting processes to remove any paint, sealant or surface corrosion," he said. "And then we use a chemical stripping process to remove the plating."

The parts are then taken through a non-destructive inspection, or NDI.

There are four process inspections to determine whether there are cracks or other problems with the part. If it's determined there is a crack or other deficiency, the process ends there.

"We don't have the authority to make any repairs or decisions about what will happen to the part," said Daral Harrison, who has been a non-destructive inspector for six years. "If the part is cracked we send it back to its owner and they decide what will be done with it."

If the item passes the rigorous inspection, which involves the use of a black light or an eddy current machine to detect irregularities, it can continue on to electroplating.

There are 20 electroplating processes the plating shop uses to deposit a thin layer of metal onto the aircraft components.

"We are kind of like the corrosion control facility," said Mr. Jackson. "That's the purpose of the plating. When you have bare metal or bare aluminum we put a type of coating onto the part so it won't corrode or rust."

Ray Henley has been in the plating business for 27 years – 16 of which have been at Robins. An electroplater in the shop, he said he enjoys his work and looks forward to each new day.

"It's a challenging job, but it means making the aircraft safer for everyone and it feels good to give a quality product," he said.

Mr. Jackson agreed.

"It makes me feel good to put out good quality work in the least amount of time to help support the mission," he said. "This shop supports just about everybody. All manufacturing components and all aircraft parts for overhaul have to come through our shop to be treated and plated for corrosion."

"Eighty-five percent of our work load is from the C-130 propellers, but we support just about every maintenance organization," Mr. Jackson added.

"There is always something different to do," said Mr. Harrison. "It's never monotonous."

Eddie Chavez has been a blaster for three years and agrees that the work is always changing but he loves the people and the environment.

"We are doing a good thing for the war fighter by helping them in our own little way in the war against terrorism," he said. "Our day usually depends on the workload but it's not hard to stay busy all day."

What to know

The electroplating shop is located in Building 142. There are three separate skills that make up the shop - electroplaters who refinish parts; blasters who remove paint, sealant or surface corrosion; and the non-destructive inspectors who inspect parts for cracks or flaws.

What gets electroplated?

Although the list of parts they work is long, some of the things they deal with include C-17 landing gear, C-5 side cowls, KC-135 brakes, B-52 ejectors and F-15 stabilizers. In fiscal 2004 they processed 426,939 parts through the shop.



Danny Bell, electroplater, cleans aluminum parts in the shop.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Wesley Willis, electroplater, dips part of a C-130 prop to give it a conversion coating. The employees in the Maintenance Directorate's electroplating shop, located in Building 142, serve as the support agency for organizations on base using the electro-chemical process of electroplating to put a new finish on aircraft components.



Above, Wesley Willis hangs C-130 prop retaining rings onto a rack to be plated with aluminum in the ion vapor deposition. Right, Willie Jolly, mediablaster, blasts fire extinguisher tanks with plastic media before they will be plated.



2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

FEB	MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Monday, Feb. 21: George Washington's Birthday	Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	<div><div>{</div><div>MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST</div><div>}</div><div>no federal holiday</div></div>

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club
Private pilot ground school registration will be held March 1 - 7 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts March 7 at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$200 for books and duffle bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, lasting approximately six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

Enlisted Club
Super Bowl XXXIX comes to the club Sunday. Enjoy a dinner buffet, door prizes and many more surprises. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests and non-members.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Saturday and Feb. 26 with a practice and warm-up session from 11

- 11:45 a.m., sign-up starts at noon and games at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winners of the first round and a 27-inch television will be given as the grand prize. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call 926-4515.

Information, Tickets and Travel
Wild Adventure Theme Park, in Valdosta, Ga., season tickets are available for \$60 or single day pass for \$33. These tickets are good for ages 3 and older. Season parking passes will be available for \$22 per car. For more information, call 926-2945.

ITT has tickets available to Hairspray Feb. 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. for \$61 until today. The play will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

Tickets are available today for the Hershey Take 5 300 and the Daytona 500, Feb. 19 and 20. Cost is \$145 per per-

son and includes both races, a free T-shirt and the fan walk.

Library
Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class Feb. 15 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 122. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. To register or for more information, call 327-8761 or visit the library.

Officers’ Club
Join the fun at Boss N’ Buddy night Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes trivia games, prizes and appetizers.

Services Marketing
If you are a DoD civilian assigned to Robins, go to ww.robins.af.mil/services and click on the civilian survey icon on the home page. The information you provide will be used to further enhance programs and activities.

Smith Community Center
Earn pogs for your unit or

organization, to count towards the Camaraderie, Cohesiveness and Commitment Traveling Trophy, by participating in the following 3-C events:

■ A human checker game will be played Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Each team consists of 13 players. Teams may register by Wednesday.

■ An RC pool tournament will be held Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Smith Community Center. Teams may register by Feb. 11.

■ A Win, Lose or Draw game is slated for Feb. 18 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the community center ballroom. Please register your team by Feb. 16.

For more information, call 926-2105 or visit the community center.

Guess the number of pieces of candy in the jar for a chance to win prizes during the Sweetheart Special beginning Monday and ending Feb. 11 at noon at the Smith Community Center. Six people who guess the closest will

win prizes. Prizes will consist of the following: first place, a weekend stay for two at the Embassy Suites Hotel Atlanta Buckhead. This package, valued at \$750, includes breakfast, happy hour and in-room amenities. Second through sixth prizes will be \$50 gift certificates to Affordable Gifts 4 All (www.affordable-gifts4all.com). Winners will be notified during the afternoon of Feb. 11. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Youth Center
The third annual Give Kids A Smile Day celebration will be held today from 3:30 - 7 p.m. at the Youth Center for children 5 years old and older. Two dental technicians from the base and the Georgia Dental Association will answer questions and give free screenings. This program is sponsored in part by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Crest Healthy Smiles 2010. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Archery Club
Base Archery Club (Straight Arrow Archery) will hold its annual meeting Wednesday at the Golden Corral on Russell Parkway from 7-8 p.m. Membership drive will begin March 1. For more information, contact Karl Bodien at 971-4476, Greg Dunn at 929-4812 or Bryan Davis at 328-0177.

Bowling Center
A sweetheart bowling spe-

cial will be offered Sunday. Bowlers who pay regular price will pay half price for their sweetheart.

Fitness Center
■ Enjoy free water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. located at the Rasile pool.
■ A Club Robins Winter Spinathon will be held Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

■ A weightlifting competition is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. in the fitness center. Competition will consist of bench press, overhead press and squats in both men’s and women’s divisions.
■ The post-season varsity Southeastern Military Athletic Conference is slated for Feb. 19 - 21 at the fitness center.

Outdoor Recreation
Recreation swim at the

Rasile pool located in the fitness center will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 - 3 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 5 p.m. starting Tuesday. One lane will be reserved for lap swimmers. Children 16 years old and younger must be supervised at all times. All flotation devices must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.

Youth Center
■ Robins Youth Center

will be conducting registrations for baseball, softball and T-ball for ages 5 - 18, and micro T-ball for ages 3-4, Feb. 21 - 28. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

■ Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience is required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

The Black Heritage Observance Committee announces the following events for celebration of Black History Month:
Sunday - Gospel concert at the Base Chapel from 4-6 p.m.
Feb. 17 - Luncheon at the Enlisted Club starts at 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 11 - Health fun run/walk starts

at 10 a.m. with a 9:30 registration at the HAWC
Feb. 19 - Youth and Cultural Fair at the Museum of Aviation 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Feb. 25 - Grand finale, with Five Men on a Stool – a contemporary Jazz and R&B ensemble accompanied by a touch of spoken word at the Enlisted Club from 7-10 p.m.

The theme for this year is “The Niagara Movement” celebrating 100 years. T-shirts are \$12 and sweatshirts are \$20. Shirts can be purchased by contacting your organization representative or attending any BHOC fundraiser or event.
For more information, visit www.robins.af.mil/blackhistory/index.htm.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

AFA membership drive
The local Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association membership drive will run throughout February. Membership is open to all Air Force active duty (enlisted and officer), Reserve, Guard, retired and civilians. For membership information, contact Capt. John Nolan at 926-3566 or 2nd Lt. Brian R. Baggett at 926-0124 or visit www.afa.org.

Valentines for Families
Valentines for Families will be held Thursday at Robins Elementary School. There will be a play based on “The Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman, followed by two sessions: one on self-esteem led by Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Tisher, who will speak about how to

promote a healthy sense of self in children; and the second, called “Issues when Hearts are Apart”, will be led by Dr. Jim Franz and will guide military families through the changes that occur when the active duty parent is called away on a remote assignment. Parents who wish to attend the program may call Jane Hamilton at 926-5003. Child care will be provided for children from birth to age 12, and refreshments will be available for everyone.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc. chapter scholarships
The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. is accepting applications for the Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Award scholarship. Financially disadvantaged, deserving young men and women who demonstrate a sincere pursuit of education leading to aviation, aerospace, engineering or technology careers will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Forty-one Tuskegee Airmen scholarships of

\$1,500 will also be awarded. Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, www.tuskegeearmen.org or from the Robins chapter. Application deadline is Feb. 12.

OSC meeting and lunch
Join the Robins Officers’ Spouses Club for their monthly meeting and lunch Feb. 17 at the Officers’ Club, 10:30 a.m. for the social and 11:30 a.m. for the lunch. We will be playing Bunco and having delicious Bourbon Street chicken. New members are welcome. Childcare is now available at the CDC for ages 5 and under. Call Trista Fredell at 922-6626 for information and childcare reservations by Feb. 11. OSC reservations must be made by Feb. 14. Call Beth Huber at 922-6628 if your name begins with A-M and call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 if your name begins with N-Z. E-mail reservations or cancellations can be made at BethOSC@mindspring.com.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.
Rachel LaVon Harris, WR-ALC/LTCR. Point of contact is Lisa Vander Poorten at 926-3385.
Randall Marsh, WRALC/MANRCDE. Point of contact is Cayatana Palumbo at 926-3089.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



Today and Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Meet the Fockers – Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller

Now that Greg Focker is “in” with his soon-to-be-in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that’s before Pam’s parent meet Greg’s parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together-which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of “getting to know you.”

Rated PG-13 (crude and sexual humor; language and a brief drug reference) 115 minutes

COMING SOON:
Feb. 11 –**White Noise** – Michael Keaton and Chandra West

People have always searched for a way to communicate with the other side – driven to find a way to connect with loved ones who have passed away. Jonathan Rivers, distraught after the mysterious death of his wife, is contacted by a man who claims to be receiving messages from her through something he calls electronic voice phenomena or the “white noise” most of us hear when we flip through the radio dial. Jonathan is at first skeptical, but then becomes convinced EVP is real and tries to contact her himself.

Rated PG-13 (violence, disturbing images and language) 98 minutes

Feb. 12 – **Fat Albert** – Kenan Thompson and Kyla Pratt (showtime at 2 p.m.)

Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids come to life and step out of their animated, inner-city Philadelphia cartoon world. Literally. The crew steps out of a TV one day and into modern-day America, where they discover pop-top cans, shopping malls, rap and girls, girls, girls.

Rated PG (momentary language) 93 minutes

Feb. 12 – **Constantine - free movie** – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz

Pick up free passes at the Main Exchange checkout counters and any AAFES Food Outlets Feb. 11-12. Please arrive early. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis. Theater is not responsible for over booking.

Rated R (violence and demonic images)

Feb. 18 – **Racing Stripes** – voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere

Rated PG (mild crude humor and some language) 102 minutes

Feb. 19 – **Elektra** – Jennifer Garner

Rated PG-13 (action violence) 97 minutes

Ice breaker



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Master Sgt. Anthony Harris scrapes ice from the windshield of his van Saturday. The wintry weather mix brought Robins and Middle Georgia its first winter storm of the year.

How to report storm damage

BASE HOUSING RESIDENTS:

- Residents are responsible for collecting small limbs and should be gathered and placed no further than three feet from the edge of the street for pickup by the grounds maintenance contractor Monday.
- Large limbs that are not easily transportable or that will need to be cut before transporting should not be handled by residents. Call CE customer service at 926-5657 and the grounds maintenance contractor will be scheduled to remove the limbs.
- Damage to houses or structures surrounding houses, and any large or small limbs spotted in or around vacant houses should be reported to the Housing Maintenance Contractor at 923-8033.

OTHER BASE PERSONNEL:

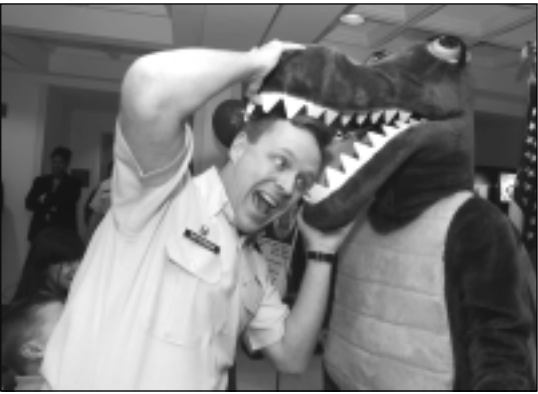
- All calls for damage or removal of large debris should be called into CE customer service at 926-5657.
- Facility managers should walk around their buildings and collect any small debris that can be easily transported.
- Large debris and facility damage should be reported to customer service.



Above, Mother Nature decorates a street sign. Left, pine trees near the Robins Conference Center bend from the weight of the ice.



‘A healthy smile is always in style’



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February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Educational opportunities for both children and parents will be available from trained dental representatives at the Child Development Center Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and at Robins Elementary School Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers and a representative from United Concordia will also be on hand at the BX Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise awareness on children's dental health and to answer parent's questions. To conclude the month, volunteers will be at the Parents and Tots play group at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Smith Community Center. This year's theme is 'A healthy smile is always in style.'

Above, Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, agrees to put his head in Alex the Aligator's mouth for the children.

Left, Colonel Patterson signs a proclamation Wednesday for National Children's Dental Health Month.



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Celebrating a memory



Dorothy 'Dot' Ammons' kindergarten class released balloons Tuesday – her birthday – as a memorial to her at the Robins Elementary School soccer field. Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Tisher spoke, and the children sang 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs. Ammons as the balloons drifted away. The beloved teacher passed away Jan. 4 and had been at Robins Elementary School for 31 years.

Above, parent, Tara Ehrman, Sidney Herbert, Spencer Ehrman and Zachery Baty release their balloons.

Left, Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Tisher speaks about Mrs. Ammons.

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